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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00pm Otterbein

Tuesday: 8:15am Fowler

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 6:00pm Earl Park

Friday: 8:15 am Fowler

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm CST 5:00pm EST Kentland

Sunday: 7:30am Oxford

Sunday: 10:00am Fowler

CONFESSIONS

Monday: 5:00pm EST Otterbein

Thursday: 5:00pm EST Earl Park

Friday: after 8:15am Mass Fowler

ADORATION

Monday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Otterbein

Wednesday: 9:00am-10:00pm Fowler

Thursday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Earl Park

Happy Father's Day

Four Ways for Catholic Fathers to Give Heroic Witness to Their Children by [Nicholas LaBanca](#)

As a Catholic father, I have even greater demands on me, and these expectations are something I must fulfill, particularly because I vowed to follow through at each of my children's [baptisms](#). Now I'm far from being the father of the year (I pray that our Lord will allow me to raise my children well everyday), but with Father's Day coming up, I've been thinking about how fathers, and Catholic fathers in particular, need to be bold. What does it mean to be a good Catholic father in this day and age?

I only have about four years' experience of being a father, so this may not be much that I've picked up, but here are four ways we as fathers can really live out our vocation in a heroic way. Because that's what we're called to do: to give a heroic witness to our children.

1. Pray with your children daily and let them see you pray.

We as fathers (along with our wives) are our children's primary instructors in the Faith. Not the religious education teacher, not our parish's pastor, not even our own mothers. We are. [Studies have shown](#) that when a father does not practice his faith in front of his children, there is only a very small chance that the children will themselves be religious as adults. Your role as a father matters in the eternal salvation of your child. It can't be any more blunt than that.

You as a father need to pray with your kids, principally during [Mass](#). Let them see you making the Sign of the Cross after dipping your hand in the holy water font and do it slowly. Also let them see you genuflect before our Lord as you enter and exit church and ensure that they do so when they are of age (my two-year-old old son can do it, so start them young). Make sure they see you strike your breast with sorrow for your sins at the Penitential Rite. Let them see you bow your head in reverence at the elevation of the Eucharist. Also, pray before meals, and ensure that you, or your wife (or both of you) are praying with your kids before bedtime. Kids are great at memorization. Young children can easily memorize the Our Father, Hail Mary, and a few other prayers if you [pray](#) it with them each day.

It's always a good time to talk to our children about our Lord Jesus.

2. Always be on the same team as your wife, your children's mother.

Our children need to see that we love their [mother](#). This is why we always need to put our wife at number one (well, two, after God of course). A lot of people in our culture flip flop that and put their kids before their spouse. We as Catholic fathers can't afford to do that. [Marriage](#) is permanent. We know that. If our relationship isn't good with our wife, it will have detrimental effects on our children. We have to keep harmony in our family, and if our kids see us being kind to their mother, they will be witnessing true manhood. Don't fight in front of your kids, and always pray to [St. Joseph](#) that you may be a good husband so that you in turn may be a good father.

3. Tell your kids you love them.

You have to tell your kids this, even your sons. We all know that our daughters are the apples of our eyes, and we are affectionate with them. But our sons need that, too. Whether you have all boys, all girls, or a mix of both, you have to let your kids know you love them. You can say that with those three simple words, or get down on the ground and play with them. Show interest in their activities, their creations, their sports. Show them by teaching them about your greatest love, Jesus Christ. We might think that our wives are the sole providers of "TLC," but that couldn't be any farther from the truth.

We as fathers might of course be a bit rougher with our kids and take more chances with them than our wives would want us to, but we also need to be tender with them, and they need to see that too. St. John Paul II also warns against "the phenomenon of 'machismo'". Don't be like the guys that you see in Hollywood or on TV. That isn't authentic manhood. Kids need their dads to provide both toughness and tenderness. It's not an either/or, but instead it's a both/and.

4. Pray the Rosary often.

Now I know I already said that fathers need to pray, but this deserves its own point. Numerous saints [have attested](#) to the power of the Rosary. St. Padre Pio continuously prayed the Rosary, often calling it his "weapon". And that it is, as the Rosary is an excellent tool for spiritual combat. This means it's good to get your kids using it early. When I was young, my father always led our family in the Rosary. It's not a prayer for old women. It's a prayer for all Catholics, especially for dads.

Now, did things get crazy sometimes with kids running around, either at family parties or at home with just my immediate family? Yes. And things even get really crazy now when we try to pray the Rosary with two kids under the age of four. But it's something we need to do. If you must, just say one decade of the Rosary. But I challenge you to start saying the entire five decade Rosary with your kids from the time they learn the Hail Mary. Let our Catholic faith be front and center with your family.

Lead Them to Heaven

Of course, these are only a few ways we can go about being better dads, but at least it's a start. We have so many great examples among the saints, so we must look to them as we endeavor to be good and loving fathers to our children. There's only one main reason why we're doing all of this, after all. It's so that our entire family may be united with our Lord together in heaven one day. Do you want your child to be in heaven at the end of their earthly life? You as a father need to lead them there.

(Shared from Ascension Press)

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!
St. Isidore the Farmer, Pray for Us
Peace,
Fr. Sean



Fr. Sean Aaron, Pastor

NEWS

Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 22 – 10:00am Mass

Feast of Corpus Christi Mass – Eucharistic Procession – and Celebration Meal!

Join us as we follow Christ walking with others and Jesus himself in a reverent, musical procession of praise and worship

June 22

Corpus CHRISTI

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MASS

10:00 AM

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Pastorate Information

Adoration

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Baptisms and Weddings

Congratulations! Parents/Couples must contact the pastorate office. For weddings, please contact us at least 9 months in advance.

Financial Contributions:

When making any financial contributions, payment must be made payable to the parish of your choice. Payments made payable to the pastorate cannot be accepted.

Children's Bulletin

Children's bulletins are available at the main entrance at Sacred Heart Church. Bulletins are for children to engage in the Mass and their Catholic faith!

Sacred Heart Sewing

The Sacred Heart Sew ladies took some time off over the winter but are back to sewing again. Please stop by Glotzbach Pharmacy and check out the new quilts that are on display with more added weekly. Thank you for your support.. With your support, we support things at Sacred Heart School.

Please Pray For...

- Sherry Griffis
- The St. Isidore Pastorate
- Vocations

If you have a prayer request or a pastoral need, please contact the Pastorate Office at (765) 884-1818



This Week in our Pastorate

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday, June 15th

7:30am Mass: St. Patrick, Oxford –
† Bob Wetli (Leo Etter family)
10:00am Mass: Sacred Heart Fowler –
† Pat Scherer (Deb Scherer)

Monday, June 16th

5:00–6:00pm Adoration: St. Charles, Otterbein
6:00pm Mass: St. Charles Otterbein
+ Bob Wetli (Leo Etter Family)

Tuesday, June 17th

8:15am Mass: Sacred Heart, Fowler –
+ Lana Strasburger (Bev Ross and Family)

Wednesday, June 18th

NO MASS
9:00am–10:00pm Adoration: Sacred Heart, Fowler

Thursday, June 19th

6:00pm Mass: St John, Earl Park
† Tom Hofmeyer (Ron and Linda Metzinger)
5:00pm – 6:00pm Adoration

Friday, June 20th

8:15am Mass: Sacred Heart, Fowler
† Cindy Gretencord (Judy Goodman)

Saturday, June 21st.

4:00pm CT (5:00pm: ET) Vigil Mass : St. Joseph, Kentland – †Dorothy and Robert J Bower (The Family)

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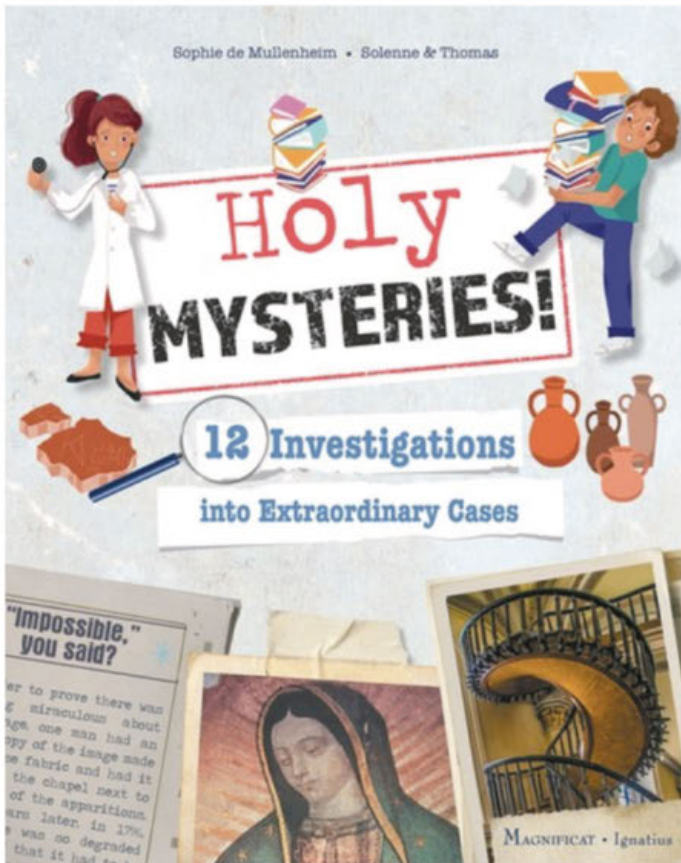
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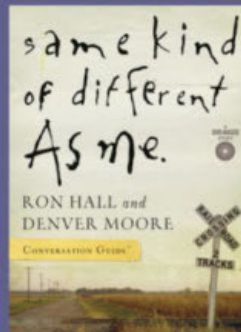
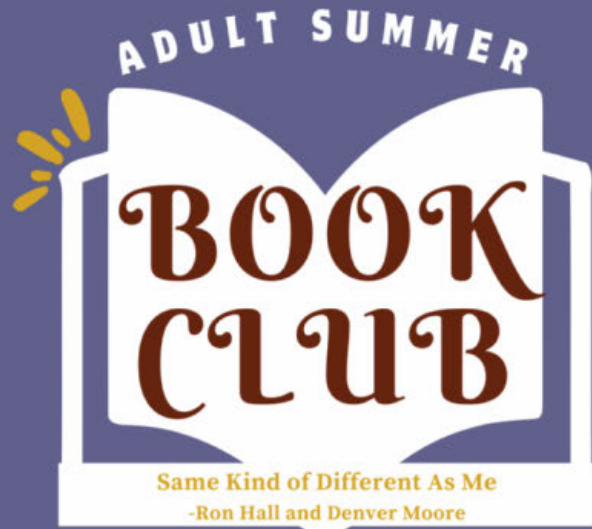
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Mexico Mission Trip

St. Patrick's Mexico Mission has set the next two trip dates!
Nov. 8-15, 2025 and Feb. 14-21, 2026

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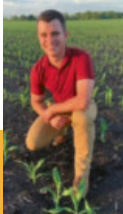
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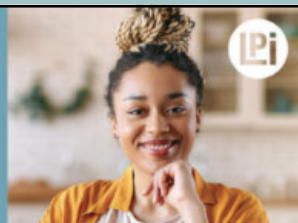
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